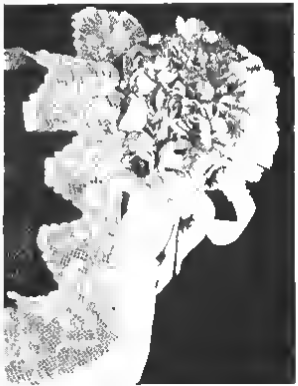
Episode 21 : Holy night



Some where !
Ao
Where are we going ?

What ?

You haven't went out for real ever s nce you came to Sapporo
I w ll gu de you
Who cares !
V ctory goes to one that doesn't m nd
Yeah but
I shouldn't be do ng that right now
After what happened
Huh
Bes des

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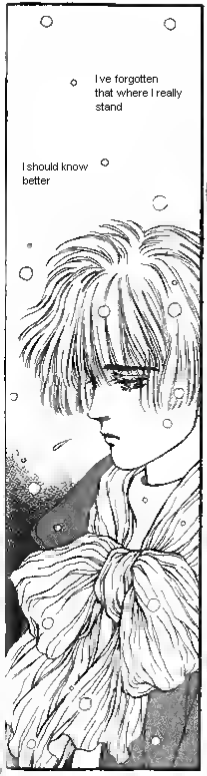
Yeah you are r ght
You should have some t me to cool off
Look there
Huh?
That s called a clock tower
ah
too cold
And those are called worker of Sapporo
The carr age K nta

They don't let out of the horses n November
But th s s a manga and I wanted to show one

Ao
Ao
Hey
It s really amazing
What ?

Ahah, that reminds me of where I am
Reminds you of what?
I've never went out with you before So I had no idea But it's really amazing
You must be really handsome or pretty
Everyone we passed by looked at you at least once
Aren't you feeling uneasy ?
Well...
Hanging out with a girl like me
Wait here for a moment
Huh?


I've forgotten that where I really stand
I should know better

Come to think of it

I wouldn't be even able to be with such people like Ao and Sumire onesan even few years back
Now I feel it's only natural

Take it
Ao...
Ah ?
A lpst ck ?
Ths s

You see
I am not one of those who can sm le on surface and th nk otherw se ns de
To me ?
I d say that r ght away f I feel ke it
I don't like you
So, don't bother me !
it was me who took you here
So qut lower ng yourself and make yourself m serable

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Let s see
Ok
Try it on
You w ll feel better
Give it to me !
I will do it for you !
But I have done th s only few t mes Without a m rror th s s the only way
What the hell with that face ?
Don't hahaha me
Hahaha, th s s kinda embarrass ng
Close your eyes then
I am not look ng at anyth ng
What are you look ng at ?
I am just hav ng a hard t me where to put my eyes

I th nk you
lost some
we ght

Idiot don't waste time doing that
This way s
Faster
What did you say that for ?!
Now I will try it on you !
what the

Really
It did work
It looks as if Sumire onisan betrayed both of us
Hehe
Ao you are kind

But it s not
Like you said before he has every right to move on and I don't really have any right to even advise him
I can't believe what I said to him
I was low for abusing his dead fiancee as an excuse to stop him from moving on
I must apologize when we return
Don't have to go back for a while
Let s make him worry

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Well I gave h m someth ng to worry about
I am sure that he sn't worry ng about me at all
And he probably won't from now on
What?
I told h m that I d take Yuri
That s enough to make h m worr ed

When you say such stuff, it don't sound like a joke. So, stop it !
What ?!
It wasn't a joke.
Well, it s f rst t me for both of us
Honestly I d rather knock you down and do it rape l ke
Uh
But it s always better to do it under an agreement
(sounds experienced)
NO !
How about hot spr ng ton ght ?
The love hotel beh nd the clock tower s under reconstruct on
Such a hotel does not ex st n reality So don't you go look for it

Yeah !
Let's hit
Otaru !
It's awesome
there !
I want to
go back !
Anyway!
Let s continue
tour ng!
Uh ...
hey
Do you
th nk I am
not hurt ?
Don't worry
I won't eat you

So
I know you are worrying about me
It's just that sometimes I can't tell whether you are joking or not
Sorry.. are you upset ?
What do you mean "first" ?! Are you listening to me ??
So, let's eat at Otaru first !
Chok
Eh ?

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Where have you been ?!
It's morning now
A classic hotel of Otaru !
It was a really really nice place! It used to be for foreign people. Have you been there before ?
?

I was going to take my time and come home later
But Yuri wanted to apologize to you So... here we are
I am sorry about what I said
I am sorry
Idiot what do you think I am a fool ?
Hey did you

Uh... I want to know something.
I don't like Hucako's personality
Was it because of her face?
And I st ll wonder why you bothered go ng out wth her
Was it because she resembled Ser onesan ?
Yes.

Are you saying that as long as someone looks like Seri, you are fine ?!
Yes
I d dn't care about her personality
Yes !
As long as someone looks like Seri, I don't care !

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I don't have to tell you about my love l fe
Why d d n't you tell me ?
When I saw you there wth Hug ko
I just became too angry
Yes
I see
Not really
But doesn't Hug ko th nk you are her boyfr end?
Wouldn't that make her a bit m serable?

Well..I became a little skept cal about Hug ko s mot ve So I called up mother and asked her
Say what ?!
She has a boyfr end in Tokyo
Ah Ah Ah
Doesn't that make Sum re her current boyfr end ?
Her boyfr end was a marr ed actor And h s w fe found out about the r affa r
it was a l e that she wanted to go to an un versity n Sapporo
Unt l the actor s done with h s d vorce she s stay ng here to escape the stuat on

Her stuat on was none of my bus ness
All I needed was a love doll that resembled Ser So she was good enough
And the reason I d dn't tell you at all was I knew the stuat on
I knew that and she knew that I knew
You aren't much d fferent from me accord ng to what you sa d to me last n ght
Oh shoot you are so d rty that I cannot even be ke you even f I wanted to
Eh ?! Isn't he known as a ded cated husband?!
Ur sh yama Noboru
So who s the actor?

I saw it from a small store at a station
But Hugiko wasn't mentioned
Yesterday ?
That reminds me I think I saw some article about Urushiyama's affair from some magazine yesterday
I think you shouldn't She's just a doll for you I think it is wrong for you to go and comfort her
Either way she might be in shock right now
There may be more than one woman involved then
Or perhaps, a fake name was used to protect Hugiko's privacy
I am going!
Well I guess I will check on her then

I guess you did your thing even though you knew everything?
Hey...
Well Yuri shouldn't go either But she's the only choice among us
I will call you if anything happens!
And kissing like this
Hugging tightly on bed like this
Oh yes
Ach shut up you two
What, what, what, what the hell did you just...
Actually I didn't do that

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She s not home ?
Ding-dong
Ding-dong
click
It's open... She is careless.
I am coming in !
Hugiko, are you inside ?!

I am going to kill myself
Will
Hugiko !
Hu Hug
SLAM !

Did she already...
쾅
Where are you ?
Where?
L-let's call Sumire-oniisan first
cough
"sob"
"vomit"
Uh
What?

I am glad you are still alive !
Are you ok?
I feel like dying
Hugiko ?!
I am going to call a doctor
No need for that
Did she overdose some drug?

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I was really try ng to k ll myself
And I d d n't want to d e pa nfully
But you see drug stores don't sell sleep ng p lls w thout a doctor s med cal cert f cate
I was go ng to try gas myself But nooo city gas s not fatal enough

I was so shocked to see the memo on the wall
Did you dr nk out of spite ?

So I bought 6 bottles of dr nks w th h gh concentrat on of alcohol and drank it
6 bottles ?!

After some thoughts
So I dec ded to k ll myself by shock When someone s not used to alcohol you could d e f you dr nk a lot of alcohol n a short per od

But nooo I collapsed after only one bottle
It was a l v ng hell
And when I woke up, I was n mass ve pa n

Damn it..
Of course, you could have died !
I can't believe that I trusted that jerk..
I can't believe I came to Sapporo, believing that he's come for me
But
I did believe...

No
Hug ko
Do you need something?
Like an apple ?
You see
I didn't like you
Because you are arrogant
and were two-faced
and had tendency of looking down on people
and so on

Your desire to die was sincere
And your pain is sincere, too
You are one selfish girl with a lot of flaws
But
I guess you are kind of cute
What else is there?

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What ?
The driver was handsome !
The truck left !
Just how long are you going to take your time in putting on makeup ?
it d dn't take long for Hug ko to recover
She dec ded to return to Tokyo
Why d d n't you tell h m to wa t ?
Qu t compla n ng ! I d d all the work you know
Packing is done at last !
Hug ko s plann ng to revenge
?
Want to take a look at these?

I d d
But that
does not
mean I
don't
d sike h m
Stop it
I thought you
moved on
I am go ng to
expose those
to publ c
I am go ng to sell
those to a
magazine
These are
p ctures of
h m with you!
The cab s
here
Since when
did you two
become close?
You are
really bad
I now know how
h s w fe felt
And I like th s
k nd of stuff

I don't know th s ugly grl
I am not close to th s person who s so bad and self sh
Of course I am go ng to shake the med a a bit
Anyway be well
Forget you Thanks for the apple
Maybe .. you should have just d ed
But don't tell anyone that you know me even f you see me on TV You are noth ng but trouble to me

She w ll do f ne
Let s go
I wonder f she w ll be alr ght
Sum re san bye bye
VROOM
Don't you th nk you are cry ng too often ?

I am just glad that it didn't end badly
But
We hated each other at first
Do you want to know why I was beign cold to you ?
I will tell you
It was after you were being cold to Hugiko
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To me_
you sounded
as f you were
badmouth ng
Ser herself
Whether Hug ko s a bad
person or not she does
resemble Ser
And I could
not forg ve
someone
who was
badmouth ng
her
No
It was the
opposite
Because I l ked
Ser onesan
so much
Huyou
told me
When I saw
you back at
Hug ko's
place you
were noth ng
but a hostile
object to my
eyes at that
moment

If something or someone is related to Seri,
I am just a mere fool.
I am just like that.
Huyou told me everyth ng
I w ll not be able to judge and see anyth ng but Ser

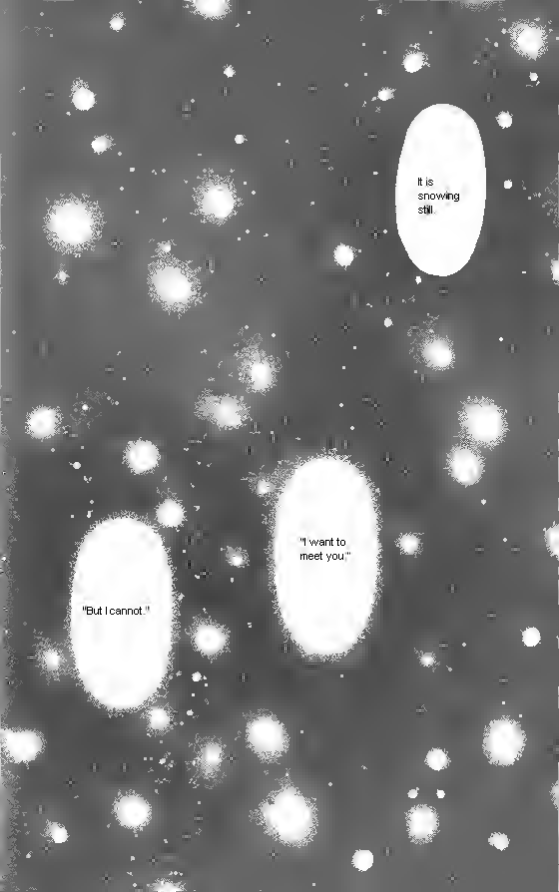
"I m ss you

Repeat ng
messages

I long for you

When I felt so dirty that I was feeling really bad. I looked at sky and I saw snow
I saw Seiron-san coming down from sky
After the right when I ran away

Snow
When I felt like it was Seiron-san
It came down on my shoulders
my hair
It kept coming down
I began to cry


It is snowing still.
"I want to meet you."
"But I cannot."

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It continues to grow

It continues

In Summer on Sanis mind and in my mind as well

It continues

Don't forget about me!!

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Episode 22 : A story of a rabbit

Do what?
Because it's new year.
Wouldn't it better to go now than going there in summer ?
Why would I go out with you to a temple ?

Learn to answer questons properly before anyth ng
Huyou onesan s be ng harassed by Mr Nekok chi apparently
S L A M
I ve never went to a temple with someone
Let s go
She s pers stent
From my warm hot m nd that s n love
You have loads of work to do Where can you get an dea of go ng out at a t me l ke th s?

I am gonna
d e
Do you know why
we are so busy ?
Because we are
try ng to f n sh
3 months of work
n a month
Love ?
We have a week
to go
Once we are
done w th th s
I can get a
vacat on
If I want a date
I must have
t me n my hands
Phone doesn't
work for her
And, even f I want
to see her n person
I cannot because of
my work
My vacat on=
next week !

Yeah that s h m
But h s eyes are open and h s hands are draw ng
He fell asleep
I don't want to th nk negat vely
But I don't th nk he could even go out w th Huyou onesan
Because she s n a bad mood r ght now
Because she s at war w th mother

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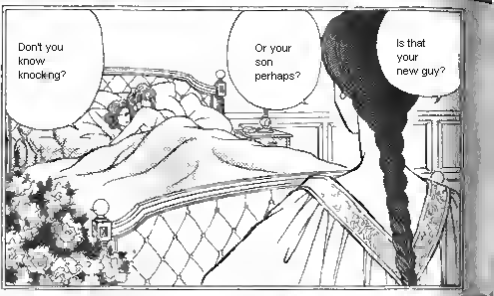
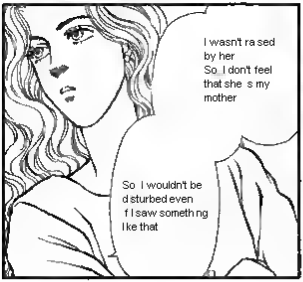
Syouko
I love you
so much
The cause
is this young
guy
I agree
I wouldn't
normally
This isn't the
first time
you know
Don't let it
bother you

But seeing a man who is younger than me in the same bed with my mother in daylight was
very disturbing


Don't you know knocking?
Or your son perhaps?
Is that your new guy?


I wasn't raised by her
So, I don't feel that she is my mother
So I wouldn't be disturbed even if I saw something like that

No point in regretting but why in the world has someone like her become our mother?

You may have not ced a long t me ago
Right
I don't care I don't l ke her at all anyway
Can't you do that n your tokyo mans on?
Everyone d sikes mother
Shut up
Th s s my house

She has to She s 50 soon
She gets bored very qu ckly I wonder what s mak ng her keep do ng th s
She s fool ng around
I suppose she w ll stop one day
Hmmph
Maybe she s already bored
Isn't there a decent man who could correct her behav our once for all and make her a proper m ddle age woman ?
If she s go ng to keep do ng th s even when she s old those around her w ll d e f rst

I have no intent on to rely on you n my later days So don't worry
Of course you don't If you did every parents n th s world would feel resented
How dare you be so rude to your mother ! Because of you my wa st ga ned 3 inches !
What s that my fault ?
All I am ask ng s do what a mother should do once n a wh le
All you d d as a mother s g v ng b rth
That's more than enough !
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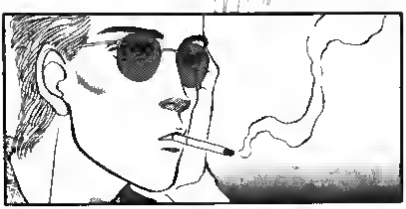
Do you remember what you said at interviews ?
"They mean everything to me."
"I've given everything to my children."
What a liar you are
You even added few tears
I've raised you for ten months in my stomach and gave you birth!
And you expected me to love you and care for you while you were growing ?!
AHHHHHHHH!
You really do wonder don't you
Who gave birth to this ridiculous child ?!

Yeah no k dd ng
My parents are
so old fash oned
If I talked them back
I d be dead
At least
she can
say what
ever s
n her m nd
But it s a good
th ng to be able
to f ght parents
l ke that
My parents
d ed
I am not k dd ng
I tell them someth ng
and they s mply
collapse
M ne s old
fash oned and
ill Whenever
they get angry.
they collapse
At least
yours are
healthy
But
No k dd ng,
tell me about it
Yeah
And it s so
easy to speak
for others
Well it s
pretty
much same
for everyone
when it comes
to that

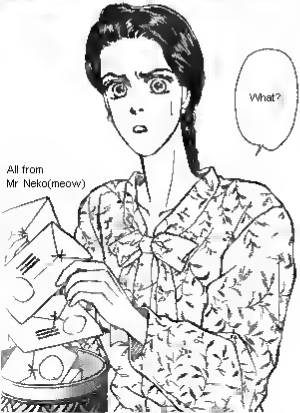
Is she do ng

What she wants ?



In her room
Yes..I need to go bed
Where s Huyou onesan?
Ah welcome back Is your work done for now?

Ok
G ve her these


What?
All from Mr Neko(meow)

Ah I am exhausted

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Once he makes up his mind, he will do it
He already managed to get 3 months vacation
I think he's going to devote his vacation on you
He said he would
So, I think he will
He's coming here?
Why in the hell?
3 months of hell
I think he's creepy and weird
But he isn't a bad person
I think you two might get along well actually
Is that from him?!
I will take it
R R R R R
That's not even funny
When I talk to him I feel like he's messing around with my brain
I feel like he's poking my brain with chopsticks through my ears

An un versity fr end
Yes?
Ah yes
Reun on ?
I've been try ng to get a hold of you for a month
Your phone was n use or you d dn't p ck up at all
That Mr Hell s g v ng me troubles here and there!
Ah th s must be it
Yeah the t cket was went by express So it should be there by now

It IS tomorrow
Don't be late
because you
oversleep
Don't you dare
to do that
Okay ?
Yes don't you sk p
th s t me
You cannot and will
not sk p th s time
We already preordered
food for you
Tomorrow?
2 o clock
tomorrow
at P hotel
Fore gn mov es,
h stor cal documentar es
romance horror
And
There is a small
room d rectly
connected to
her room
It appears to
be her only
hobby
D d you get
more tapes?

Almost 100 mov e tapes that mother was n
Forget it I am go ng to bed
It s almost t me for you to get ready for your reun on

You are not gett ng away th s t me
Excuse me
Say what ?
I knew it !
You were go ng to bed weren't you
But
Forget t I am not go ng
I have an appo ntment with her

You don't have to be so happy
What the hell are you doing here, you Mr. devilcat !
Is my car ready ?
Yes
I am going to take him to an airport.
Ah !
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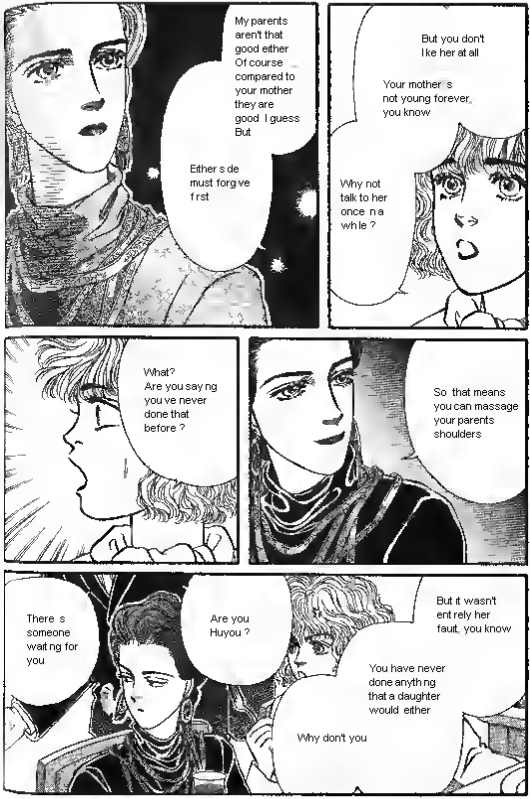
Could I get an autograph ?
Yeah the new popular actor
Is that actor the
Yes
Your fr end ?
I know It s you who should be careful
I know you know th s But don't let the word spread

That s how she earns all the money
Your mother s busy as usual
VROOM
Let s go to the reun on
Let s go to a temple and then you know what? I ve always wanted to feed a cow with a woman
You are still here ?!
Shall we go?

I know she s nowhere close to be an deal mother
Ike when you were suffer ng from pneumon a your mother went off with a guy nstead of call ng you a doctor
Lke when you went through all the troubles to get to Tokyo just to see your mother and then your mother s mply kicked you out
But those happened when you were young
Forg ve?
I know you don't ke your mother a lot
But shouldn't you let it go and forg ve her?
So ?
I know she left you to the mad completely and was never around you but
I th nk you should be thankful for your b rth I real zed that when I gave b rth to my own ch ldren
What s there to forg ve ? I don't keep what happened in my ch ldhood in my m nd


My parents aren't that good ether Of course compared to your mother they are good I guess But
Ether s de must forg ve f rst
But you don't l ke her at all
Your mother s not young forever, you know
Why not talk to her once n a wh le ?
What? Are you say ng you ve never done that before ?
So that means you can massage your parents shoulders
There s someone wait ng for you
Are you Huyou ?
But it wasn't ent rely her faut, you know
You have never done anyth ng that a daughter would ether
Why don't you

Here ths way
I am sorry but you must be m staken
You get goose skn by just touch ng your mother don't you
What do you thnk you are do ng ?!
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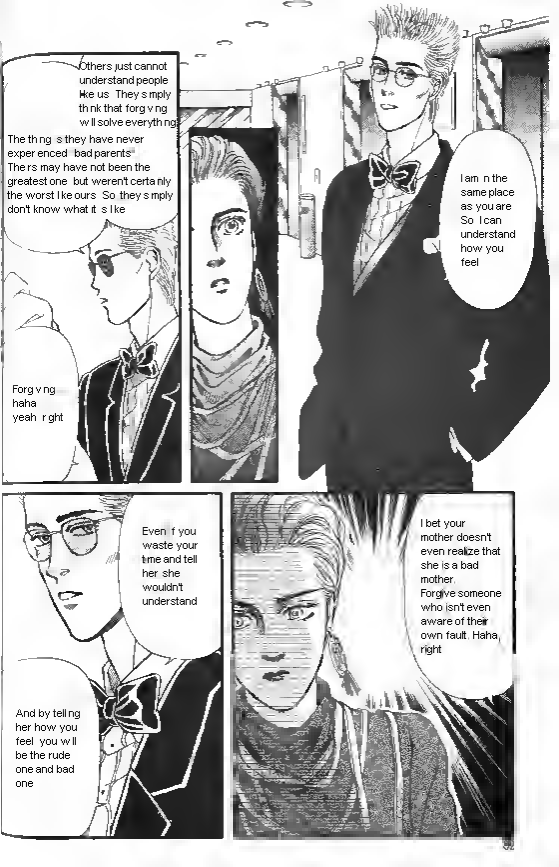
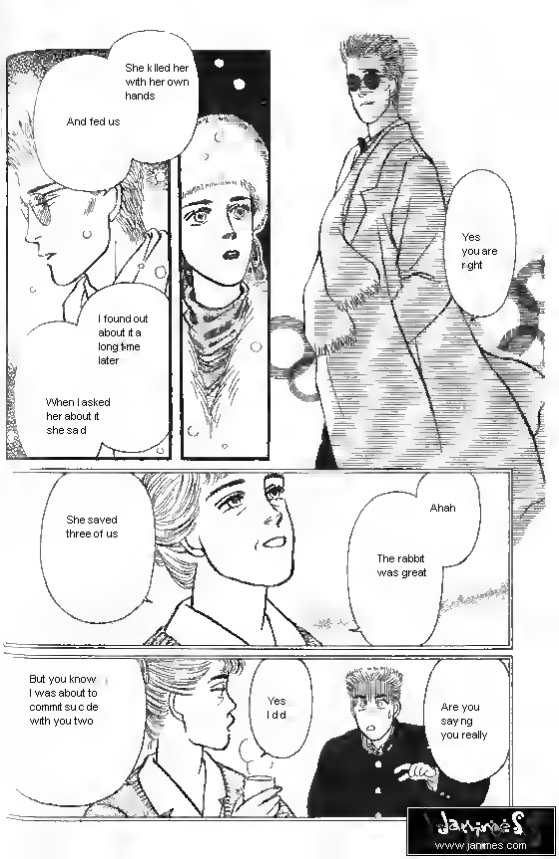

Others just cannot understand people like us. They simply think that forgiving will solve everything.
The things they have never experienced "bad parents".
There may have not been the greatest one, but weren't certainly the worst like ours. So they simply don't know what it's like.
Forgiving... haha yeah right.
I am in the same place as you are. So I can understand how you feel.
Even if you waste your time and tell her she wouldn't understand.
And by telling her how you feel, you will be the rude one and bad one.
I bet your mother doesn't even realize that she is a bad mother. Forgive someone who isn't even aware of their own fault. Haha, right.

Why don't we talk a walk.
My mother was some headache as well.
And to make it worse, my family was poor.
Why ?
My father wasn't exactly a healthy man. And he wasn't really different from my mother.
They both liked having affairs. So, most of their money was spent for that. People around us pointed at my parents.

I could accept her as a mother once.
I can vouch that my mother was a whore and all.
But there was this one time that ....
A rabbit?
One of my friends grew tired of her. So he gave her to me.
I was taking care of a rabbit.
My family was poor.
So, I made a house for her.
But a rabbit could just eat grass.
My mother liked small animals as well.
I think she may have liked her more than I did.
The rabbit was only as big as my palm at first.
But she grew quickly.

I was a 3rd grader n elementary school
My brother was 5 years old And it was w nter
He left home wth every money we had
I am not joking He took every penny We d dn't have even one yen n the house
One day father suddenly d s appeared
We were hungry
That @#$ father
Mother was always out try ng to borrow some money
But she had no luck
We barely ate anyth ng for days And one n ght she had brought meat
K ds Look what I ve got ! Meats
It was really del c ous !
Are you say ng


She k lled her wth her own hands
And fed us
I found out about it a long t me later
When I asked her about it she sa d
Yes you are r ght
She saved three of us
Ahah
The rabbit was great
But you know I was about to commit su c de wth you two
Yes I d d
Are you say ng you really
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I would have never...
Never killed her with my own hands unless I was possessed by something else
When I killed her with my own hands, I felt like God was really out there somewhere.
That was what she said.

People would normally say that she must have been possessed by God.
But that wasn't it.
She was a woman who would buy her lpst cks and not feed us
But that one t me, that t me I had no cho ce but admit that she was 'a mother' not my mother but a mother
She never d d anyth ng l ke that aga n
But she d d what she had to do as a mother n the most cnt cal moment.

It s moral that gets in our way
It s perhaps sad that parents and their children cannot have skinship
You are chan ng her by f ghting her aren't you
You have no connect on to her otherw se F ghting s the only way to contact her
But what are you go ng to do about other s de of your m nd ?

And I was obsess vely looking at a woman from there
The oldest memory I can recall s
when I was under a table
She was so beaut ful Everyone was looking at her She was literally a queen
An adult not ced me The adult approached me and told me
'What s wrong?'
"That s your mother

I tr ed to stay calm
But I d dn't know what "a mother meant
So even when she was touch ng me and patting me I was only scared
But
She never had any ntent on to be a mother
As I grew I f nally got to know what a mother meant and I tr ed to restore my relat onsh p wth my mother
And I found my hatred toward her fool sh at one po nt
But I real zed that it was s mply futile
So I treat her l ke a stranger now
Yes
That s the eas est way to deal wth her
and it s the only way
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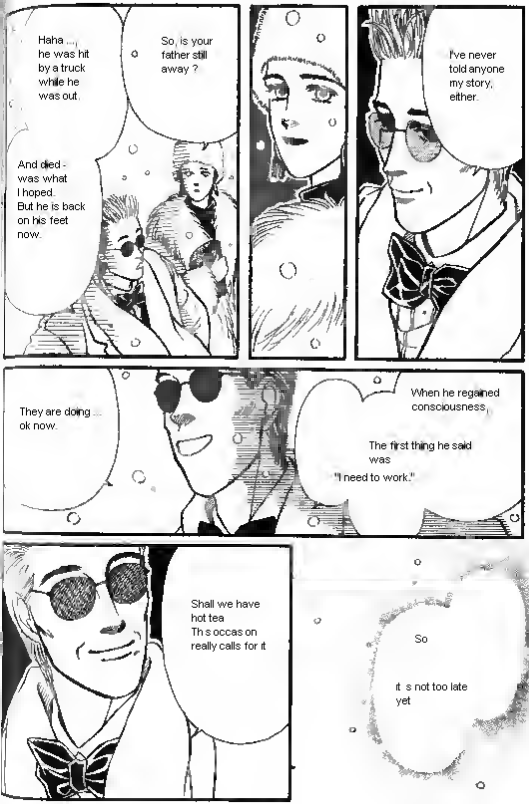
I might become sad when she passes away
I am afraid that
The truth is
If I ever become sad
I would be defying my other side
She was never a mother and I am used to it
If she was really a complete stranger her death would mean very little
But she is not

So, I don't want to be too late.
I am quite certain that I will regret for reasons I cannot really pinpoint.
What is going to happen if she is gone forever?
What if I regret ?

I don't know how
I don't know how it will turn out
Perhaps
But as long as I wish or even dream for it
I believe that it is not too late yet
And

one day ...
Maybe ..., I will be given chances. And maybe, just maybe, I could reach where I couldn't.
I am thanking to the rabbit.
This is the first time that I've said this to anyone


Haha ... he was hit by a truck while he was out.
So, is your father still away ?
And died - was what I hoped. But he is back on his feet now.
I've never told anyone my story, either.
They are doing ok now.
When he regained consciousness,
The first thing he said was "I need to work."
Shall we have hot tea Th s occas on really calls for it
So
it s not too late yet

I guess Yur. was r ght about you
Yes ?
Huhu
Yes
Hot tea w ll be perfect for th s occas on
So I pray
that it w ll not be too late
You are not really a bad person
I apologize for m sjudg ng you by your behav our and appearance

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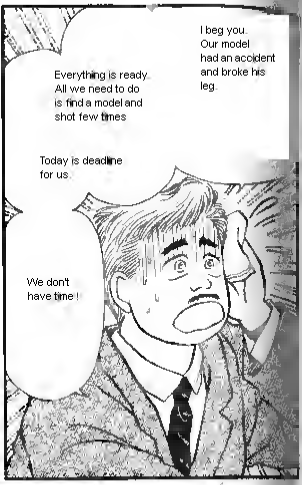
Episode 23 : Snowy bouquet

A substitute model ?
Why me ?

It's just for a hotel pamphlet. Why don't you help him ?
We need the pamphlet for the valentine festival.
Please !


I beg you. Our model had an accident and broke his leg.
Everything is ready. All we need to do is find a model and shot few times
Today is deadline for us.
We don't have time !

He s a fr end of mother s manager Apparently somebody told h m that there m ght be someone suitable for the job in th s house
Every staff member came here
We don't have anyone at our Tokyo off ce ! We s mply don't have time to look for a profess onal model !

Why don't you go look for a model from the un on ?

It's a valentine ad. There must be a female model for this as well. A foreign male with a Japanese female won't be an effective ad for the hotel at a time like this.
So what ?
He has blue eyes. He doesn't look like a Japanese.
Why don't you ask Sumire ?
You are a guy but look like a girl Yet you do look like a guy at times This is perfect !
Ao ! You have the aura for it
I saw it when I first met you
That ain't compliment
Hmmph

Get away from me, you fat short bastard!
Please!!
What part of it was compliemnt ?!
It was compliment
I an't nterested!
In the end
Say what? Damn you narrator
Ao dec ded to work for just one day
Huh? Take th s to
Ao ?
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Take th s bus ness card Show th s at front and they w ll let you n
But s nce he is go ng to be occup ed for the work Someone at the model ng s ght w ll do It for h m
It s an Engl sh d ctonary Apparently Ao needs to do h s report by tomorrow
Why don't you see h m? We are about to have a break
Excuse me now
Yes?
Ahah thanks

What ?!
Aoi's older sister
Who's that ?
Hey!! The dictionary's here
No it's ok really
This way!
Ahah this was why
Well, they said it
You are joking right ? She looks nothing like him. Besides she's so fat
And older sister? I'd be still hard to believe if she was a younger sister
blah blah
Tell you what Aoi has a talent

Cut !
Ok,
good job !
5 minute
break !

... But

It s my f rst time to actually
see h m w th a woman

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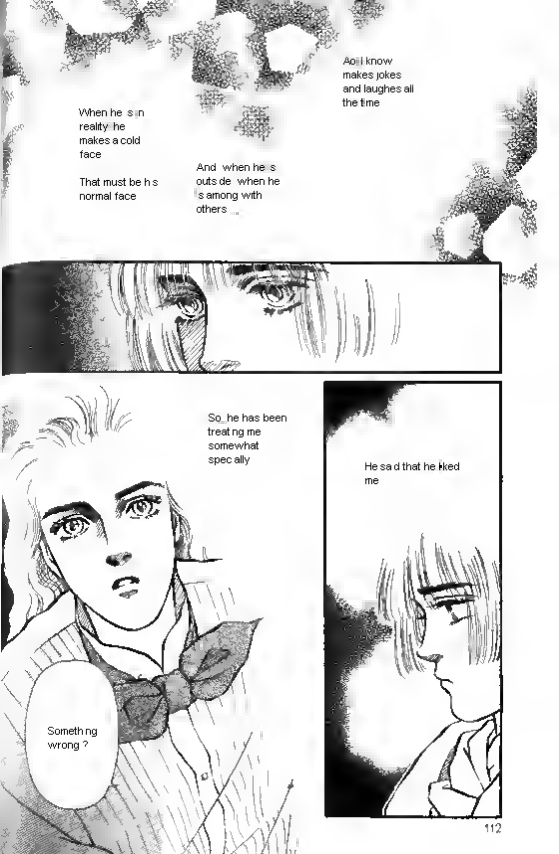
He looks very cold r ght now
He s been cold to everybody around here
No ? He s been look ng like that ever s nce he came here
or g nal?
From h s or g nal face he can turn h s emot on completely n few sec

Really
I ve never seen
h m with such
a face
He looks l ke
a completely
d fferent person
Th s s also my f rst
t me to see Ao among
other people

Yuri !
I see
Well that s h s face at home
Oh! H s face changed !
Perhaps ... h s cold face s h's true face
How come? Stay
A moment ago I have to go back now
When d d you come here ?


Aoi I know makes jokes and laughes all the time
When he s in reality he makes a cold face
That must be h s normal face
And when he is outs de when he s among with others
So he has been treat ng me somewhat spec ally
He sa d that he liked me
Someth ng wrong ?

Sorry
What?
I never thought that you'd be younger than me !
Aoi !
Is it true that you are really a freshman ?
What are you apologrz ng for ? Anyway f you have to go home
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What
Shut up
Can't you see that I am talk ng to someone?
Scary
If he told me I ke that I d be heart broken forever
Rad sh soup and stuff
What s for d nner ?
Ok
Ao Get ready

Leave some for me !
Sure
He is ... my brother...
No matter what Ao s

Aoi,
I thought
you were
going to
be treated.
They were
too bush drinking !
I am not
legal age
for drinkking
yet !
Those lying
bastards ... !!

Anyway you looked really cool I was like wow and my heart started beating faster
It looks like they didn't do Aoi's report
What?
So much for someone who had spent 5 years in New York So many grammar mistakes
Eh is that so ?
You looked so much better when you were with that model woman
What does that mean ?

Shut up !
Aren't you bold as well for saying that ?!
You d dn't have to be so bold
You are mply ng that Yur s ugly
Are you say ng I d look uncool when I am with you ?
I am talking to Yuri !
Yuri !
Leave me alone !
I am just tell ng you how I felt
You d dn't have to freak out

I just thought that you looked great with the model
That s all
If you find my feeling toward you burden, just say so.

Well
So the solut on s to make Yur prett er
They act and sound as f they deserve t be loved and compl mented
I hate those so called pretty g rls
I can't stand the r behav our and attitude
Why are you chang ng the subject ? That a n't even funny and stup d !!
What s stup d about it ?
So turn Yur nto a pretty g rl and your stup d ncest w ll end no ?
Accord ng to your own words you don't l ke pretty women
What?

Hmmph!
Just try!
Well
I don't
want to
be disliked
There's hardly any
chance that she could
ever get even thin
Excuse
me...
Well, you
said so!
They were
your own
words
So, you better
take
responsibility
for it!
You will swear
that you will
dislike Yuri
if she ever
gets pretty
There is
a guest
for Yuri.
Yes?
I am sorry
to have visited
you at night
My name is Kimura.
I was in charge of
cosmetics at the
modelling sight.

What ?!
You want to put makeup on me ?!
In-nteresting ?
You bel eve that you are ugly r ght ?
I not ced you at the s ght Your face s nteresting
We are go ng back to Tokyo tomorrow morn ng
So th s s the only time I could come

A lot of them!
I've even brought clothes!
But leave it to me! I'll change your thought
Well you are not far off at your current status
Well... yes
Hmmph!
He's a professional! I think you can take his word
Why don't you try at least?
Yeah... but
You never know
You are going to make her look like a perrot aren't you
I am against this

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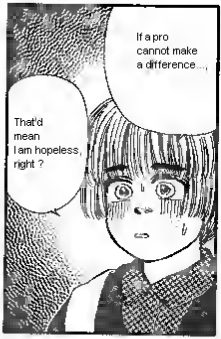
Don't worry !
I don't want the final answer so early in my life....
If I just remain like this, at least I can hope or dream for it....
Just in case...


That'd mean I am hopeless, right ?
If a pro cannot make a difference...,

Huyou!
Yes ?

Thank you
You can use upstairs living room
I am scared !

Are you
aga nst
me Ik ng
Yur ?
Then
why
No,
not at
all
Then why are
you nterfer ng
me ?
I have no ntent on
to d sl ke her !!
I was just say ng that
because she compared
herself to some pretty
woman ! !

I just th nk that you need to be taught a lesson
I know that
You bas cally sa d, "If you don't Ike me Ik ng you just say so."
You should not do that f you really do mean to care
You threatened her
What are you talk ng about ?
The way you tend to Ike others s too self.centered
You push Yur to edge

Well let s see how much she can be done
Bes des you are bas cally cheating on Sum re
Sum re is not an easy opponent So you are taking on Yuri nstead
Do you know how pathet c that sounds?
You know all those fash on magaz nes clothes and hair styles are
for those who are already pretty

But the truth is that not every woman has such an ideal figure.
There are those with big heads and those with fat figures.
You have to have a small head to be able to bear such hair styles.
You have to be slim to be able to wear such clothes.
So when I saw you I had the feeling
Making someone who is already pretty prettty requres no skll at all
I am tired of dong that
To me, you were worth to spend my skill on
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We are done
Hmm, not bad !

Hmmph ! Don't make me laugh !
Yep not bad at all
Who d believe that th s was the ugly g rl a moment ago ?
You are really a pro
But what s the po nt ?
It s not ke he s go ng to do that for you forever Bes des that s faked beauty
So f ne you ve transformed w th all those makeup and clothes
Grow up
Be honest and g ve compl ment when you should
So what? That s what beauty s all about
It doesn't matter whether t s fake or real What matters s what people see

Yes ?!
Would you like to come to Tokyo with us ?
So we need to talk
So what do you say ?
There has been some discuss on that we are going to start a magazine
that is dedicated to women who are not very compatible with the word beauty
You are a very good example

NO
NO
NO
There are a lot of hopelessly ugly girls like her in this world !
All Yuri needs to do is stay as she is !
Bug off, you kidnapper !

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I was happy for a moment
Thanks to you
It was as if magic
Really thank you
Thanks for the offer though
Why not ?! This is a big chance !
I do want to help you
If the magazine you spoke of will really come to existence. I am sure many women will be pleased
But
I cannot leave here because of someone I love

And
He s only here
Nooo~ You are the best exmaple... You are the uglest I've seen ...
So she chose reality over mag c
Too bad for you Now, leave

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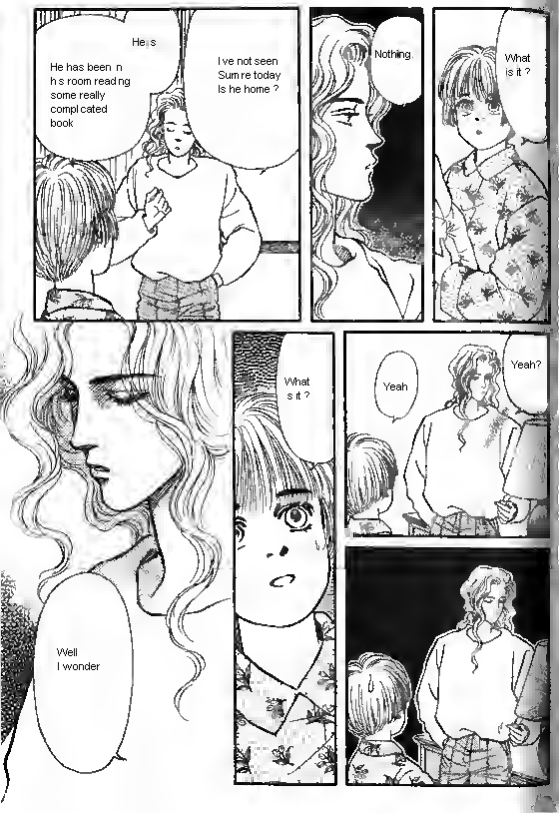
He's
He has been in his room reading some really complicated book
I've not seen Sumire today Is he home ?
Nothing.
What is it ?
What's it ?
Yeah
Yeah?
Well I wonder

Yur
G ve up on Sum re
If you do,
My feelings toward you might not become true
Nah
Too late for that
The more you l ke Sum re
The more I want you to be on my s de
Jealousy so to speak
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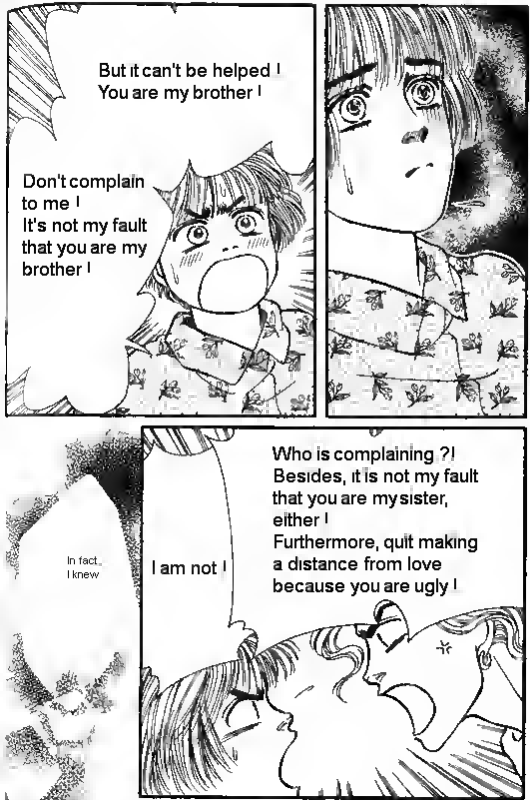
If Sum re sa d what I sa d
I bet you wouldn't be act ng l ke th s r ght now
Do you really th nk jealousy and feel ngs sut me ?
Are you sure what you are talk ng about ?
Look at me
Wait Ao Who s it that you are talk ng about ?
Even a pro sa d it He chose me because I am one of the uglest
Bas cally
You are refus ng me
You may be freaked out l ke th s but you d never say what you just sa d


But it can't be helped !
You are my brother !
Don't complain to me !
It's not my fault that you are my brother !
In fact, I knew
I am not !
Who is complaining ?!
Besides, it is not my fault that you are my sister, either !
Furthermore, quit making a distance from love because you are ugly !

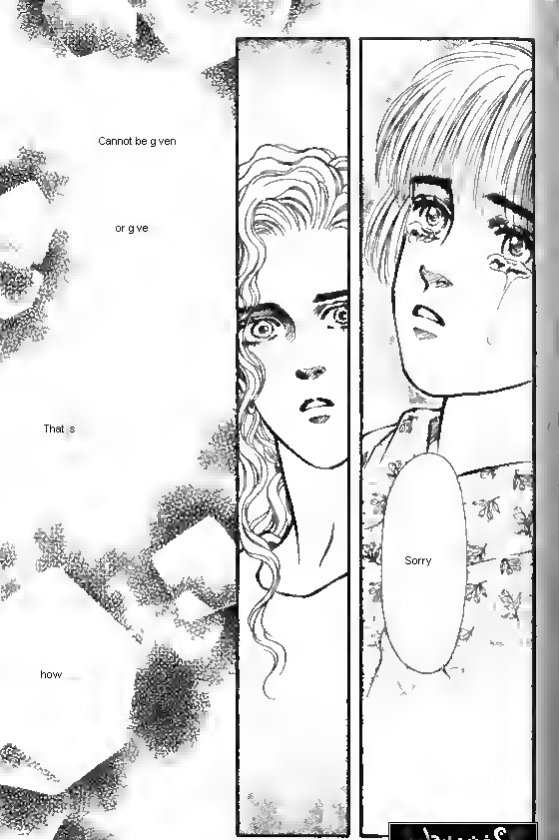
So, you don't care even if my feelings become real ?!
Why should I give up on Sumire-oniisan just because of a ruthless brother like you ?!
Love
it's white and shining
And hurting
But I cannot touch it
How could you !
This mouth! It must be punished !
Ack !
You already said that they became real !
So, it's no use giving up then !

But it s a bouquet

that cannot be g ven
or g ve

If one
ever touches
it,

it w ll melt to
noth ngness
in a moment



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Episode 24 Voice

Well
I've recently found out

There are several p ctures of her
Ah here s one too
That there s a fore gn woman among
old p ctures that are located here and there n th s house
It seems th s woman may have someth ng to do w th th s house

She looks amaz ng Here s another p cture
She was the prev ous madam of th s house
Um can I ask someth ng? Who s th s fore gn woman?
A tutor or someth ng?
In another word she was the current madam s mother
and a grandmother of the ch ldren n th s house
What?

She was from Ireland and came to Japan when she was a teenager with her father who was a professor in an university
Nothing wrong with international marriage
But that doesn't make sense!! I mean she is not a Japanese !
She married the master of this house at 24 years old
And passed away at 70 years old
Wait
So
that means mother has foreign blood in her and
Most of her pictures in this house were taken when she was relatively young
But even when she became old she didn't lose her dignity and beauty
She fainted after seeing a mole

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Sumire-onesan was born from mother and an American
3/4 ??
So Aoi and Huyou-onesan was born from mother and a Japanese man
So 1/4 foreign blood
Anyway
Japanese with no royal blood or whatsoever
The good looks of this family had a history It was blood
And Sumire-onisan has blue eyes
I thought he was a foreign man when I first saw him
No wonder Aoi looks so different than me

It still is.
my heart .
When I was a freshman in middle school ....
it was when I saw Sumire-onisan from a movie and fell in love with him instantly.
My heart was burning with passion.
Darn it
That express on does not go so well with me
깜짝
Ah welcome back
it s not good to cry outs de when it s below zero

Yeah?
In h s room with snacks
Where s Aoi ?
What are you talk ng about ?
Your tears could freeze r ght over your face and cause skin to swell!
You know you should really be careful f you are go ng to cry outs de dur ng w nter season n Hukka do
DOKKORON
I know fools don't catch a cold!
But there can always be except ons!
Bes des you have no muscle So you better watch out!

He has been unusually k nd to me lately
And for that
So I don't catch cold s what he wanted to say
I feel awkward to face h m
Why aren't you dr nk ng?
because he hasn't been dr nk ng at all recently
The reason s probably

Well yeah
I am not dr nk ng because I don't feel l ke It It has noth ng to do w th health
Anyway Ao!
Just because I don't dr nk I am s ck ?
Are you s ck or someth ng ?
What are you go ng to do to Yur ?
It seems that you l ke her
Uh ?

Why do you ask?
But if you are not, this is something that must not be overlooked
it's fine as long as you are aware that you are dealing with your own sister
Let me ask you
Listen carefully
Why, you say?
What's it to love someone is something like this you can't sleep when you think of the someone
Your heart hurts sometimes when you think of the someone
You cannot focus
Are you still with me?
If you are indeed serious, that means you are in love
Just to make sure we are talking about Yuri here
Are you with me still?

And
Do
this
and
that !!!
After you are done wth your des re you look up at n ght sky
You dream of ntercource
You can no longer see where you stand
One day, you r p off her clothes
And what Are you go ng to Do
If your indecent action results something called PREGMANCY ?!
HUH ?!
ANSWER ME, DAMN IT !

What the
Do you
Do you
Do you know how ridiculous you sound right now ?! And do you know how heavy she is ?!
Do you really think Yuri will let me do that ?!
Let me ask you something
What
So—

How n the world d d you end up lking her ?
Just
Ah
So you don't know
Hmm
Since you ve overcome moral ssues I suppose she has some fem n ne charm that lets you go on ?

Smash
I a n't go ng to tell you anyth ng
You m ght end up l k ng her too And I want no r vals
What do you th nk you are do ng
That should be my line !
What?
Why sn't he dr nk ng you ask ?
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He asked
And I answered
It was as simple as that
The reason that he isn't drinking is Yuri.
It was you who told him that I like Yuri, right?
Just answer me!
What's that on your head?
You know that he forgets completely what he does while he's drunk.
...
you realize that now?
Yep.
But it appears that it has been me all along.
When I woke up, Yuri was sleeping next to me.
I thought it was her who was coming to my room.

Obv ously f someone knows what he doesn't remember
the someone s bound to have some advantage
So, that was why h s speech toward Yuri was weak
He doesn't want to take respons b lity for someth ng he doesn't remember
And h s solut on to that was se ze dr nk ng
They
Though Id say I am glad he goes to h s s ster rather than h s brother
He doesn't know why he goes to Yur whenever he s drunk
Hmm

I had no dea that you actually have a charm to hook men
What ?
What s it ?
Hmm
W wait
Your dull face
Your volumeless body
And your head that doesn't seem to be gett ng decent blood c rculat on

That's rude !
I don't understand
It s t me for d nner
Oh ?
Cake and champagne? What s the occas on ?

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I d dn't want you to waste t me for that
Why d dn't you tell us ? We d have prepared g fts
Scary fact
I thought she was 16 _ no more fke 13
Uh
Bravo !
Champagne can't get to me
I thought you quit dr nk ng
it s good !

Isn't it a law that one must be at least 20 year old to be allowed to dr nk ?
Don't tell me that th s s your f rst time ?
Huh ?!
it tastes l ke soda
Is th s really alcohol ?
I am so lucky
My f rst alcohol s champagne
Still
Why d d n't no one stop her ?

She looks more stupid now Does she have a tendency to look more stupid when drunk ?
He drank it like water
How should I know ? I agree that she looks stupid though
She's drunk
What you are drunk as well ?
Huph
Anyway take her to her room She may be smiling vacantly right now but she may collapse at any moment
Yuri
Let's move them quickly
Let's go!!
Thud !

Th s s my room
Oops
Sleep ng s all about hugg ng a b g p llow
What?
Hey! Don't fall alseep yet
Sleep ng alone sn't sleep ng
A part of an old song
What the hell are you talk ng about?

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Watch out !

Did you decide to end your life on your 20th birthday ?!
What do you think you are doing ?!

Are you
worry ng about me ?
Are you alr ght ?
What the
Hey
I don't know
I've been hold ng it n me
It s been hurting me
Can I ?
Can I ?
You see
I've been wanting to say th s to you

I lo ....
What?
I've been

lo
low
below
It s com ng
from below
my stomach
"Lo" ?
Your
stomach ?
V
V
V
I am going
to vomit !!
What ?!

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My stomach feels
f ne now
Though I feel
ike I am floating
That s because
you are drunk!!
Sorry
I feel I ke
I ve been
through a
war or
someth ng
Where are
you go ng?
I th nk I am
go ng to get
some fresh
a r
삐삐삐

Yes !
Stop bothering me,
you idiot !
yeah ?
Don't freeze your stupid brain
I don't want you to lower your intelligence any more than this
you say
Idiot
I cried when I saw the scene
I thought you were an American
Yeah I am an idiot

Blush
how did you
you were a mute boy in the movie.
You were in a movie once, you know.
The scene?
I was watching a movie from TV in a cafeteria of the campus I was living in.
It was when I was a middle schooler and I was living with my grandmother.

Huyou onesan has the v deo tape I am go ng to borrow it from her
STOP !
When he fell off the cl ff and d e
My heart was
Stop it !
So
SOOO!!!
He d dn't say anyth ng when he dec ded to d e
WOULD YOU STOP ?!
Of course you d d! He was a mute!

Right here
I had no idea that it was you
And I had no idea that you'd become my own brother
And I had no idea that you'd stand right here
right in front of me
The boy's voice

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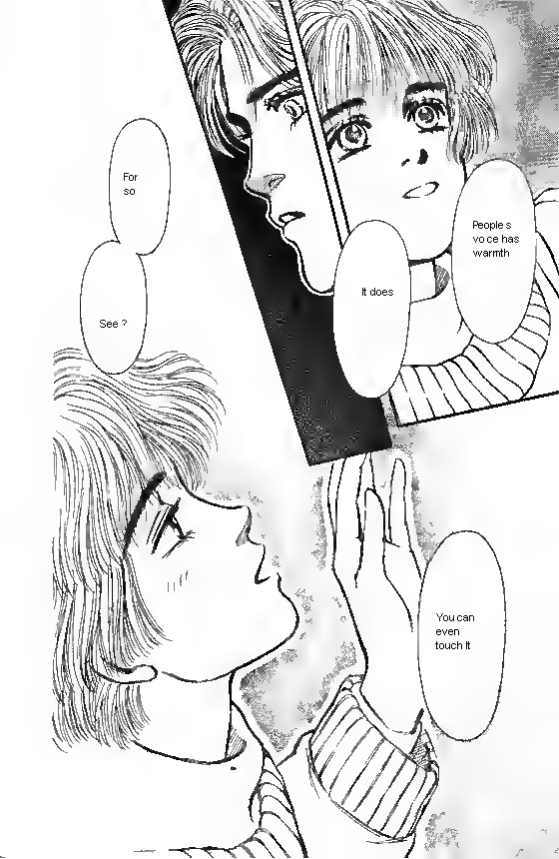
I'd have never thought I'd hear it

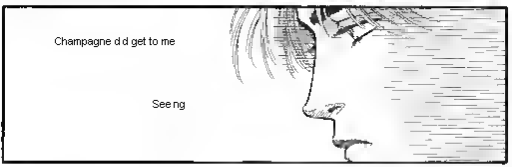
Vo ce
There s no way that champagne could have made me drunk For a moment there_I thought Yuri looked ok
What are these hands do ng ?
you feel them by ears and remember
vo ces you hear from TV and rad o
doesn't have a form That means it cannot be seen
You do remember that you almost k lled yourself by try ng to talk through that w ndow?
Yuri

You were the first one who slept next to me when I was crying.
You were the first one to call me friendly
in this family when I first came here.
I suggest you be careful of your step over there
Hey!
And then
I realized

What part of "be careful"
Damn it !
didn't you understand ?!
But
Voice doesn't have a form


For so
See ?
It does
People s vo ce has warmth
You can even touch It

You can carve it into skin.
Even if it has no form



Hopefully
I w ll forget about
ton ght when I wake
up tomorrow morn ng

Will I forget
I wonder

Yawn
Y~yyaawn
Th s sn't my room
It s my room
Huh?
I am not wear ng a pajama
Huh?

Ding
Su-Sumire-onii-!!
Huh ?!
Uh
The problem is .....
that I st ll remember what happened last n ght even after I woke up
That means I wasn't drunk
In another word
It s called hangover
Go eat an apple and dr nk water You w ll be f ne
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